

Dera language

Dera (Dra, Dla) aka **Mangguar** and **Kamberataro** (Komberatoro) is a Senagi language of Papua New Guinea and Indonesia. In Papua New Guinea, it is primarily spoken in Kamberataro village (3.611948°S 141.05719°E﻿ / ﻿3.611948°S 141.05719°E﻿ / -3.611948; 141.05719), Amanab Rural LLG, Sandaun Province.^{[3][4]}

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Dialects

There are two dialects, namely *Dla proper* and *Menggwa Dla*. Dla proper is spoken in the three main villages of Kamberatoro Mission (3°36′S 141°03′E﻿ / ﻿1299 feet) in Papua New Guinea, Amgotro Mission (3°38′S 140°58′E﻿ / ﻿1969 feet) in West Papua, and Komando village in West Papua. Komando village was formerly a Dutch border post. Other Dla proper speaking villages in Papua New Guinea are Tamarbek (3.591701°S 141.055114°E﻿ / ﻿3.597044°S 141.059233°E﻿ / -3.597044; 141.059233), Akamari (3.597044°S 141.059233°E﻿ / ﻿3.597044°S 141.059233°E﻿ / -3.597044; 141.059233), New Kamberatoro; Old Kamberatoro, ‘Border Village’, Nimberatoro (3.625973°S 141.042369°E﻿ / ﻿3.64111°S 141.006033°E﻿ / -3.625973; 141.042369), Nindebai (3.64111°S 141.006033°E﻿ / ﻿3.653793°S 141.020182°E﻿ / -3.653793; 141.020182), Yamamainda (3.669519°S 141.033445°E﻿ / ﻿3.647337°S 141.081231°E﻿ / -3.647337; 141.081231), Orkwanda (3.647337°S 141.081231°E﻿ / ﻿3.623834°S 141.117364°E﻿ / -3.623834; 141.117364). West Papua, Indonesia has the Dla villages of Amgotro, Komando, Indangan, Mongwefi, Buku, and Agrinda, which are mostly located in Yaffi District, Keerom Regency.^[5]

Menggwa Dla, the less populous of the two dialects, is spoken in five villages located between Kamberatoro Mission and Komando village, which are Menggau, Wahai (3.580863°S 141.029277°E﻿ / ﻿3.580863°S 141.029277°E﻿ / -3.580863; 141.029277), Ambofahwa (alternatively known as Wahai N° 2), Wanggurinda (3.580396°S 141.028671°E﻿ / ﻿3°34′59″S, 141°01′41″E﻿ / -3.580396; 141.028671) in Papua New Guinea, and Menggwal (3°33′53″S 140°59′04″E﻿ / ﻿3°33′53″S, 140°59′04″E﻿ / -3.564722; 140.984444) in West Papua.^[5]

Status

Dla (Dera) speakers are shifting to Tok Pisin and Papuan Malay. De Sousa (2006) reports that the younger generation born in the 1990s or later usually cannot speak Dera fluently, whereas the older generation remains fluent.^[5]

Phonology

Dera has 14 consonants (4 less than Angor), which are:^[6]

Dera	
Native to	Indonesia, Papua New Guinea
Region	Papua: Keerom Regency, 13 villages
Native speakers	(1,700 cited 1987 in Indonesia, PNG undated) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Senagi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dera</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	kbv
Glottolog	dera1245 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/dera1245) ^[2]
Coordinates: 3.611948°S 141.05719°E	

p	t		k
b	d		g
ɸ	s		x
m	n		
	r		
w		j	

Dera has 5 vowels (2 less than Angor), which are:^[6]

i	u
e	o
a	

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